*Medical men with European qualifications.*

116. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state what preference is being shown as a rule to medical men with European qualifications when they are appointed in the Medical Department of the State?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Assistant Surgeons having European diplomas are exempted from passing the Departmental Promotion Examination necessary for earning the fourth increment in their scale of pay of Rs 100-25/2-200 and those possessing European degrees from both the examinations necessary for earning the second and fourth increments. No other preference is, as a rule, shown to medical men with European qualifications.

*Assistant Surgeons appointed during 1104-1105.*

117. **MRS. ELIZABETH KURUVILA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Assistant Surgeons who have never acted but appointed permanently in service during the two years ending the 15th July 1930 when already there were acting men; and

(*b*) the reasons for such appointments?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) One such appointment was made in the Sripadam Palace Dispensary.

*Septic tank in the General Hospital.*

118. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the answer given to question No. 345, asked at the meeting of the Council held in Karkatakam 1104 (*vide* pages 1043 and 1044 of Vol. XV of the Council Proceedings, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the result of their consideration of the question of constructing a septic tank for the disposal of the sewage in the General Hospital, Trivandrum; and

(*b*) what has been done in pursuance of their promise to consider the question of removing the sewage till the tank is constructed?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Chief Engineer has reported that the construction of a septic tank can be successful only after a system of drainage pipes is introduced and that the question has further to be investigated in detail.

(*b*) The Dewan made a local inspection of the locality; and, as a result, orders have been issued by the Government for the earthern portion of the drain carrying the sewage water of the Hospital from the culvert on the Kunnukuzhi road, and running through the private compounds, being converted into a covered masonry drain, and for a well being sunk in the Hospital compound near the head of the drain so that there may be enough water to have the drain flushed in the hot season. These works will be taken in hand soon.

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**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the answer (*b*), may I know whether, as a result of the orders now issued by the Government "for earthern portion of the drain carrying the sewage water of the Hospital from the culvert on the Kunnukuzhi road, running through private compounds, being converted into a covered masonry drain, and for a well being sunk in the Hospital compound near the head of the drain so that there may be enough water to have the drain flushed in the hot season" and the assurance that "these works would be taken in hand soon", may I know where the sewage empties itself?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know; I claim notice.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Has anything been done to see that the nuisance is removed? That is what I want to know.

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Orders have been issued as stated in the answer; estimate would be called for and obtained from the Chief Engineer and sanctioned; and the work would be taken up soon.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With reference to part (*b*), I wish to know whether anything has been done to remove the nuisance complained of. I understand from the question that orders have been issued for a certain portion of the drain being converted into covered masonry drain. Is it the opinion of Government that, that by itself would remove the nuisance complained of?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It would be permanently removed only if a septic tank.....

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the nuisance complained of be removed even temporarily if the passage for the sewage is made more comfortable. The complaint was that the sewage is a nuisance to the neighbouring homes. Has anything been done to remove that nuisance?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): At present, the drain passes through private compounds. Orders have been issued to construct a proper drain for the sewage in the private compounds through which it passes. The masonry drain will remove that nuisance.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): It passes through a lane also.

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The proposed work is sure to remove the nuisance partly at least.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): It is only a small portion of the drain that passes through private compounds. The complaint was that the sewage empties itself into an open ground surrounded by houses.

**PRESIDENT**: The immediate complaint was not about the place where the sewage-drain empties itself. It was from the owners of the gardens through which the drain was passing. And their complaint

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[President.]

was that it was an ordinary earthern drain, that it was open and that the water did not really pass through it to the other end of the drain and not as to where it empties itself. The main complaint, as I said, was from the owners of the adjoining lands; and the work that has now been sanctioned would remove the nuisance so far they are concerned. But my information is that the sewage empties itself into an open ground where there are no houses.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): The complaint was not only in respect of lands along which the drain runs, but also with reference to the place where it empties itself.

**PRESIDENT**: The chief complaint was from the owners of the gardens through which the drain passes.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): We did not say that that was our main complaint. As a matter of fact our chief complaint was that it empties itself in a place surrounded by houses. It is stated in the answer that the Dewan went round and inspected the locality. I wish to know whether the locality where the drain empties itself was inspected by the Dewan?

**PRESIDENT**: I had the complaints with me and, so far as I could see, they were with regard to the houses on either side of the drain and not about the place where it empties itself. And so far as the houses on either side of the drain are concerned, certain works have now been sanctioned which would remove the nuisance. If you say that is causing nuisance, also in the place where it empties itself, that would also be considered.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): May I take it that the place where it empties itself was not inspected by the Dewan?

**PRESIDENT**: I did not inspect it. But the information I had was that it empties itself into an open ground.

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